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1. SUMMARY OF COMMENTS MADE BY SYG SPOKESMAN TO PRESS ON JULY 9 ON JULY 15 MEETING FOLLOW.

"THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF DONOR COUNTRIES TO THE SG'S RECENT SPECIAL APPEAL FOR AID TO NEEDIEST COUNTRIES AT THREE P.M. MONDAY, JULY 15. THE SG HAS INVITED THE GROUP AS WELL AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD BANK AND DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND TO ATTEND, TOGETHER WITH THE HEAD OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (UNDP). THIS MEETING WAS FIRST GOING TO BE HELD IN GENEVA, THEN IT WAS DECIDED BY DR. PREBISCH, THE SG'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE SPECIAL FUND, THAT IT WOULD BE MORE CONVENIENT TO HOLD IT IN NEW YORK. THIS WILL NOT BE A PLEDGING CONFERENCE IN ANY SENSE OF THE WORD, THE SPOKESMAN SAID. THERE WILL BE A REPORT ON WHAT HAS HAPPENED UP TO NOW WITH REGARD TO THE SG'S APPEAL. IT WILL BE AN EXPLORATORY CONVERSATION TO ASSESS THE NEEDS, AND DECIDE WHERE WE GO FROM HERE.'

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"SOME ANSWERS TO QUESTIONNAIRES HAVE COME IN FROM NEEDIEST

COUNTRIES AS TO THEIR SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS, BUT THE DETAILS WON'T BE MADE PUBLIC UNTIL DR. PREBISCH RETURNS FROM GENEVA THURSDAY OR FRIDAY THIS WEEK.

"ASKED WHY THE AD HOC COMMITTEE SET UP BY THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS BEEN SO SLOW TO TAKE FIRM ACTION ON AIDING THE NEEDIEST COUNTRIES, IN VIEW OF WHAT HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS AN EMERGENCY, THE OPI SPOKESMAN REFERRED THE CORRESPONDENT TO THE COMMITTEE FOR AN ANSWER. THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE, HE CONFIRMED, IS SCHEDULED IN SEPTEMBER." BENNETT

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